

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending in the application and subject to restriction and species election requirements. In response thereto, apparatus claims 1-10 and 18-20 of Group I have been elected, and method claims 11-17 of Group II have been canceled without prejudice. No new matter has been added.

Applicant hereby elects Species II for prosecution on the merits. Initially, Applicant respectfully clarifies that Figures 1-3, identified as Species I, are provided to illustrate a structural construct within which embodiments of the present invention have context.

Applicant believes that, as to Species II and III, claims 1-7 and 18-20 are generic and readable on elected Species II and non-elected Species III. Claims 8-10 are, in particular, readable on Species II.

Claim 8 has been amended to address a minor typographical error. Claims 19 and 20 have been amended to recite a more generalized description of movement concerning the first degree-of-freedom. None of these claims have been amended for purposes of patentability, nor do any of the claim amendments have a narrowing effect on claim scope.

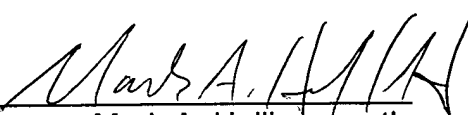
Entry of the amended claims is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner has any questions or comments, a telephone call to the number indicated below is invited.

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